

United States Air Force Reserve

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Education Assistance Programs



U.S. AIR FORCE





- Montgomery G.I. Bill –Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
 Chapter 1606 of U.S.C./Kicker Program
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP),
 Chapter 1607 of U.S.C.
- Montgomery G.I Bill (Active Duty) Chapter 30 of U.S.C.
- Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Chapter 33
- Education Opportunities



What is MGIB-SR/Kicker & Who Is Eligible

- VA Educational assistance
- Officer and enlisted members in the Selected Reserve
- Enlisted members become eligible based on the first 6 year enlistment in a Reserve Component
- Officers must be eligible to serve an additional 6 years
- Satisfactory Participation in Selected Reserve
- Eligibility period is duration of Selected Reserve participation. No longer limited to 14 years.



MGIB-SR Kicker Program

 Kicker is an education allowance of \$350.00 for Enlisted only and is paid in addition to the basic MGIB-SR, MGIB, or REAP

- Eligibility criteria
 - Eligible MGIB-SR
 - Must be in critical duty AFSC:

1A Aircrew Operations 2T Transportation

1N Intelligence 2W Munitions and Weapons

1T Aircrew Protection 3E Civil Engineering

2A Aerospace Maintenance 4N Medical and Surgical Services

2F Fuels 8D Linguist

Debriefer/Interrogator



Eligibility Suspended/Terminated

Suspension:

 If you voluntarily leave the SELRES your eligibility will be suspended, you must re-affiliate within 1 year or your benefits will be terminated

Termination:

- Involuntarily discharged from SELRES
- Failed to re-affiliate with the SELRES within 1 year
- Determined to be an unsatisfactory participant
- If your benefits are terminated you will never be eligible for MGIB-SR/Kicker again
- Possible Recoupment if you fail to fulfill 6 yr requirement
- Recoupment may be waived under certain circumstances



What is REAP & Who is Eligible

- Members in the Ready Reserve (either SELRES or IRR)
 - In support of a named contingency
 - called or ordered to active service
 - Serve 90 or more continuous days
 - Members released from AD < 90 days due to injury/illness incurred/aggravated in the line of duty
- If you serve 3 > years of cumulative AD service you may be eligible for MGIB-AD at a reduced rate & must contribute \$1200
- Up to 36 months of full-time benefits



What is REAP & Who is Eligible

- Member retains eligibility for 15 years following separation from Selected Reserve (not IRR)
 - If you're eligible under more than one VA education program
 - you may receive a maximum of 48 months of full time benefits



- VA Educational assistance program that offer a wide variety of training
- Entitled up to 36 months of full time benefits
 - For example: If you receive full-time benefits for 36 months the charge is 36 months if you receive one-half time benefits for 36 months the charge is 18 months
- Eligible for 10 years after being released from AD
- If you're eligible under more than one VA education program you may receive a maximum of 48 months of full time benefits



MGIB Chapter 30 (Active Duty) Eligibility

- Initial period of active service for anything other than training
- High School Graduate or Equivalent
- Entered AD for the first time after June 30 1985
- Must elect MGIB upon entry into AD
- Must serve three years of continuous AD
- Or 2 years continuous AD and a 4 yr Selected Reserve obligation
- Must contribute \$1200.00
- When discharged from AD must be fully honorable



Program Rate Comparison Rates Effective Oct 11 (FY 12)

	Full time	3/4 time	½ time	¼ time or less
MGIB-AD (\$1200.00 contribution)	\$1473.00	\$1104.75	\$736.50	\$368.25
MGIB-SR	\$345.00	\$258.000	\$171.00	\$86.25
REAP				
90 < YR	\$589.20	\$441.90	\$294.60	\$147.30
1 YR +	\$883.80	\$662.85	\$441.90	\$220.95
2 YR +	\$1140.80	\$883.80	\$589.20	\$294.60
Reap 2+ MGIB-AD reduced rate with \$1200.00 contribution	\$1178.40	\$883.8	\$589.20	\$294.60

Kicker adds \$350 for full time study with a VA approved program



Post-9/11 Educational Assistance

- Applies to Active, Guard and Reservist completing certain active duty days
- Applies to Title 10 and Title 32 AGRs
- Includes graduates of service academies and full ROTC scholarship recipients.
- 36 months of entitlement effective 1 Aug 2009 until 15 years after discharge or release from active duty
- Tiered payment schedule based on number of aggregate active duty days; paid directly to school.



Post 9/11 Education Assistance Payments

- For 36 months of active duty:
 - 100% tuition paid directly to the school but cannot exceed maximum of in-state charges
 - Housing equal to E-5 BAH
 - Lump sum amount to cover books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs not to exceed \$1000 annually
- Less than 36 months service will be prorated in 6 month increments
 - Minimum 90 days, < 6 months receives 40%
 - 6 months, < 12 months receives 50%
 - 12 months, < 18 months receives 60%
 - 18 months, < 24 months receives 70%
 - 24 months, < 30 months receives 80%
 - 30 months, < 36 months received 90%



- Contact Total Force Service Center Denver at 1-800-525-0102 or visit ARPC's Education home page @ https://arpc.afrc.af.mil
- Once your eligibility has been determined you can contact the VA
- Go to the <u>www.gibill.va.gov</u>
- 1-888-442-4551



Testing

- Professional Certification testing
- College entrance testing
- College course testing
- Career Assessment testing
- Testing for Spouses of Reserve Members
 - College Level Exam Program (CLEP)
 - DANTES Standardized Subject Test (DSST)
- Information resources



- Degree Opportunities through Air University
 - Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)
 - Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU ABC)
 - Air Command and Staff College Online Master's degree



Tuition Assistance

- 100% tuition reimbursement up to \$250.00 per semester hour or \$166.66 per quarter hour for Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees not to exceed \$4500 per fiscal year
- Authorized for distance learning (correspondence) and traditional in-residence classes
- Funding must be requested prior to the start of the course



Helpful Links

- For more information, see ARPC's Education home page
- http://www.au.af.mil/au/schools.asp Air University
- https://ccaf.maxwell.af.mil CCAF
- http://www.au.af.mil/au/dlmasters.asp ACSC degree
- http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/certification/deph/pt3/index.htm DANTES Testing
- http://www.gibill.va.gov/ Veterans Affairs, Education
- For more information call Total Force Service Center Denver at: 1-800-525-0102



Questions?